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| In re Application of: | § | |
| Liu, et al. | § | |
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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS | § | |
| FOR VIRTUALIZING | § | |
| NETWORK RESOURCES | § | |

MAIL STOP PETITION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**PETITION TO REQUEST WAIVER OF A SIGNATURE OF UNAVAILABLE
INVENTORS UNDER 37 CFR §1.183**

This Petition is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.183 for requesting waiver of a signature of unavailable inventors, Zhen Liu and George Popescu, to execute the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 in connection with the above-identified application. Mr. Liu and Mr. Popescu are no longer employed by the assignee of the present application. The assignee does not have any forwarding information for Mr. Liu or Mr. Popescu on file; however, upon investigation, the assignee was able to locate what is believed to be Mr. Liu's last known email address. An email was sent to Mr. Liu at this address, but no response was ever received. A copy of the email sent to Mr. Liu is provided.

A search was also conducted for Mr. Liu and Mr. Popescu via online white pages, but no conclusive listings were found. In addition, it is believed that Mr. Liu no longer resides in the United States. Consequently, despite numerous efforts to locate Mr. Liu and Mr. Popescu, they have not been located.

The last known email address of the non-signing inventor, Zhen Liu, is as follows:

zhnliu@yahoo.com

This email address is the only possible contact information that the assignee has for Mr. Liu.


In addition, the assignee was unable to locate any contact information for Mr. Popescu. It was suggested that Mr. Liu be asked for contact information for Mr. Popescu, since Mr. Liu was Mr. Popescu's manager at the time that both men worked for the assignee. However, the inability to locate Mr. Liu has made it impossible to pursue this inquiry.

For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that sufficient basis has been established for submitting the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 absent Mr. Liu's and Mr. Popescu's signatures. Accordingly, granting of this Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$400.00 (37 CFR 1.17(f)), and any other fee necessary to make this submission timely, to Deposit Account No. 50-0510/YOR920030522US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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